

Duvall Library Board Meeting Minutes
Duvall Library Rose Room
Monday, February 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paige Denison at 6:10 p.m.

Present: Board Members Don Barden, Paige Denison, Denny Redman and Karen Wallin.

Excused Absence: Claire Mitchell

Absent: Alan Butler

Duvall Civic Club/Friends of the Library: JoeLee Davidson

KCLS: Laura Boyes

Valley View: Carol Ladwig

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Denison wished to welcome the Board's new youth member, Claire Mitchell. However, Claire was not in attendance. Chair Denison sent an e-mail following the meeting to acknowledge that the wrong meeting date had been given to Claire. In spite of the empty chair, the Board warmly welcomes Claire to an exciting time in the life of the Duvall Library.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January meeting as read by scribe, Denny Redman. Karen requested that her absence in January be noted as an excused absence as she was ill.

A recommendation was made to delete the name of the alternate selection for the Board's Youth Position. As agreed, the minutes should read, "An alternate selection was identified".

The minutes were approved as corrected.

M/S/P

The Board applauded the announcement that the City will now be e-mailing copies of the minutes to the Board, avoiding paper and mailing charges.

UPDATE ON NEW LIBRARY FACILITY

The City asked Paige to request that Board members assist with the distribution of flyers for the upcoming public meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Duvall Fire Station. All agreed. Johnston Architects will be making the presentation. Postcards are to be mailed out to all residents, but have not yet been received. Laura believed that March 1 was the target date. Notices for the meeting have already been in the River Current News and the Valley View.

There was general discussion about the public meeting around the size of the venue, information distribution and the process. Following the meeting, the presented plan will be revised and re-submitted. Laura mentioned that KCLS is on a "fast-track" with this Library.

Laura mentioned that she has had very preliminary meetings with staff members on space needs and general interior considerations. Not much can be completed until the design plan has been presented.

KCLS asked the Board to form an Art Selection Committee that would include a member from the Board, a member from the Friends of the Library, and a member from the arts community in Duvall. Denny moved that An Art Selection Committee be formed to include 3 members - one from the Board, one from the Duvall Civic Club/Friends of the Library, and one from the arts community. Seconded by Karen. Discussion followed. JoeLee and Denny expressed interest. Appointments will be made at the March meeting.

M/S/P

A question was asked about whether one could still be selected for the roster that was solicited last year. Laura explained that as that is a long process, the roster will stand as is. The entire process will be managed by the KCLS Art Oversight Committee.

Karen asked whether or not there had been any follow-up with the Duvall Rotary Foundation. Last year they had expressed interest in focusing a Foundation project on the library. Paige said that she had heard nothing further, but would get in touch with David Mauk and/or Amara Oden.

JoeLee mentioned that the DCC/Friends of the Library have funds earmarked for art in the Library. He clarified with Laura that all art, even hanging art would need to be approved by the Art Selection Committee and ultimately the Art Oversight Committee.

Paige was excited to report, and the Board was ecstatic to hear, that the KCLS formal application for the building of the library will be submitted to the City on March 3. Hooray!

There was continued discussion on ways to distribute material for the public meeting. Laura made copies of the KCLS flyer for the group. A question was asked about the appropriate role of the board in such a meeting. It was agreed that while the Board has a universal position to support the building of the library, particularly at the church site, individuals may ask questions or express concerns after identifying that they are speaking as an individual, not as a Board member. The role of the Board can best be described as providing clarification, listening to the community and asking respectful questions. As this is not expected to be a divisive meeting, the Board can be seen as a useful resource to the participants.

Denny mentioned his recent talk to the Duvall Historical Society and suggested that we somehow include the rich history of the library in some way. It was suggested that it could be included in the celebration of the opening of the new library. Denny has amassed a great deal of history of the community and the development of the library.

NEW BUSINESS

THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Paige reported that the February election would not be certified until 2/24, but shortly after, KCLS should have a ballot count analysis by Legislative District which will clarify where levels of support varied throughout the County.

Director Ptacek expressed his thanks to Library Friends and supporters who took the time to write letters to local newspapers and spread the word about the measure.

The Director's report can be accessed through the e-mail sent by Marie Hatcher. She should be notified if the link is not responsive.

The report noted the increasing interest in electronic books following the announcement of the iPad. KCLS is now investigating the possibility of acquiring a number of Amazon's Kindle (a proprietary device) so that patrons can test the product with KCLS' offerings.

DUVALL LIBRARY

Laura reported that some KCLS staff will be attending a 2nd legislative day in Olympia on their own time. The State Library budget has been severely cut to the point where it would no longer be eligible for federal funds. Laura will send the info to the Board in case anyone is able to attend.

Paige asked for clarification to an item in the Director's report about the Evergreen system. Laura explained that the current integrated collection management tool is overworked and not adequate for present needs. A new program, Evergreen, is being tested. This is an open-source programming system within a broad consortium. It may be ready by fall and will be upgradable and revisable in the future.

Laura then reported on the Literary Lions Gala presented by the King County Library System Foundation on March 6 at the Bellevue Library. Materials were distributed.

A new reading program for adults is being introduced. *Inside, News and Free Programs at the the King County Library System* was distributed.

NEEDS OF THE DUVALL LIBRARY

Laura reported that circulation was up 6% in January. Things are busy, but there are no particular needs at this time.

BOARD MISSION AND GOALS STATEMENT

Paige presented the 2 year-old document and suggested it be updated. The Board agreed and will schedule a working session.

OTHER

DCC/FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

JoeLee reported that a planning meeting for the booksale has been scheduled. They will have some amazing books available. The Board was asked to promote the sale as it will be the first sale of this size. It will be held in The Rose Room. The preview sale for Associates and Members will be held on Friday evening, 3/19, and the sale for the general public, the following day. All of the money raised will go to the Duvall Library.

Their last meeting was a white elephant sale and they raised about \$200. JoeLee wished to thank Alan Butler, Auctioneer for his help and good humor. Laura mentioned how important the funds from the Friends are to programming and food for events. Some of these things would happen in no other way. It clearly makes a difference.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 2010, at the Rose Room of the Library.

Moved to adjourn, 7:25 p.m.

M/S/P

*Respectfully submitted,
Karen E Wallin*